

AR WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD

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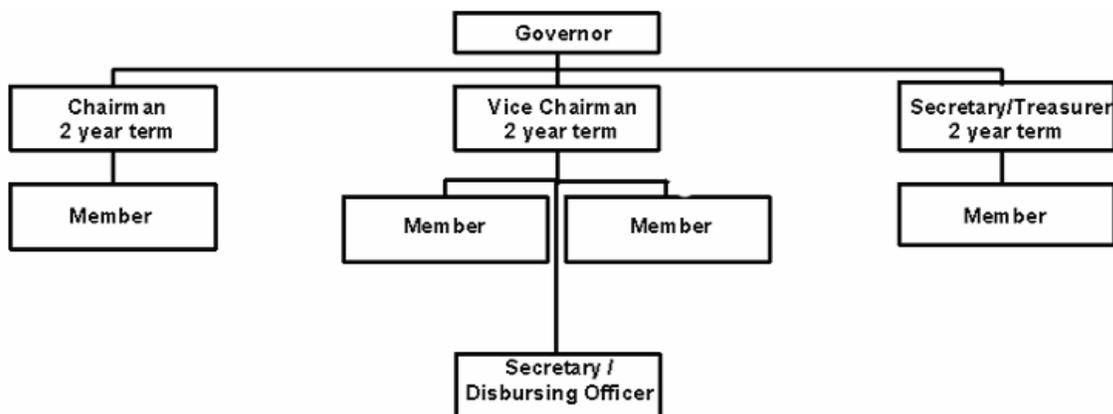
Act 5 of 2003
A.C.A §2-20-604

History and Organization

The Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board was created by Act 283 of 1985. The mission is to promote the growth and development of the wheat industry in Arkansas by research, extension, promotion and market development, thereby promoting the general welfare of the people of Arkansas.

The Board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor. Three are nominated by and represent Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, and two each are nominated by and represent Riceland Foods, Inc, The Agriculture Council of Arkansas, and the Arkansas Association of Wheat Growers. The Board is administered by the Executive Vice President of Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation or his designee.

The Board administers a one cent per bushel assessment on all wheat grown in Arkansas for market. The assessment is collected at the first point of sale by the Arkansas State Miscellaneous Tax Department. The funds enter the State Treasury, and are disbursed by the Board to fund wheat research and promotion efforts.



Agency Commentary

The budget request of the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board is Base Level for the 2005-2007 Biennium and will be funded entirely by special revenues collected from a one cent per bushel check off on all wheat produced in Arkansas.

An allocation of these special revenue funds will be used to fund wheat related research projects through the University of Arkansas and private research companies as the Board sees fit. Projects are individually approved and monitored by the Board. The Board welcomes project proposals at the

first quarter meeting, usually held in August.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
 AUDIT OF :
 ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation / Program: 999 - Arkansas Wheat Promotion

Funding Sources: SWP-Arkansas Wheat Promotion Fund

The Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board is authorized in A.C.A. §2-20-604 and is composed of nine producer members appointed by the Governor and are representative of Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Riceland Foods, Inc., Arkansas Wheat Growers Association, and the Agricultural Council of Arkansas. The Wheat Promotion Board is funded entirely by special revenues collected from a one cent per bushel assessment on all wheat grown in Arkansas. These funds are used to finance wheat research and promotion activities and operating expenses of the Board.

The Board requests a continuation of Base Level budget for \$791,871 each year of the 2005-07 biennium, with a reallocation of resources for \$8,400 each year from Operating Expense & Travel Expense to Research/Development to better reflect program spending.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation / Program Summary

Appropriation / Program: 999 Arkansas Wheat Promotion
Funding Sources: SWP-Arkansas Wheat Promotion Fund

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2003-2004 Actual	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized	2005-2006			2006-2007		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses 5020002	5,958	16,000	16,000	16,000	10,000	10,000	16,000	10,000	10,000
Travel-Conference Fees 5050009	0	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0	2,400	0	0
Professional Fees and Services 5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Research/Development-31 5900031	272,000	773,471	773,471	773,471	781,871	781,871	773,471	781,871	781,871
Total	277,958	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	93,442	68,030		68,030	68,030	68,030	68,030	68,030	68,030
Special Revenue 4000030	252,546	791,871		791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871
Total Funding	345,988	859,901		859,901	859,901	859,901	859,901	859,901	859,901
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(68,030)	(68,030)		(68,030)	(68,030)	(68,030)	(68,030)	(68,030)	(68,030)
Grand Total	277,958	791,871		791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation / Program: 999-Arkansas Wheat Promotion
Funding Sources: SWP-Arkansas Wheat Promotion Fund

Agency Request

Change Level		2005-2006	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2006-2007	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	791,871	0	791,871	100.0	791,871	0	791,871	100.0
C01	Existing Program	8,400	0	800,271	101.0	8,400	0	800,271	101.0
C03	Discontinue Program	(8,400)	0	791,871	100.0	(8,400)	0	791,871	100.0

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2005-2006	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2006-2007	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	791,871	0	791,871	100.0	791,871	0	791,871	100.0
C01	Existing Program	8,400	0	800,271	101.0	8,400	0	800,271	101.0
C03	Discontinue Program	(8,400)	0	791,871	100.0	(8,400)	0	791,871	100.0

Justification

C01	Increase is for wheat related research projects through the University of Arkansas and private research companies.
C03	Decrease is to reallocate appropriation for wheat research projects.